

REMARKS

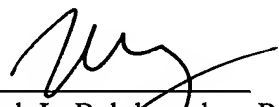
In order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter Applicants regard as their invention, Applicants hereby amend independent claims 1 and 8 and cancel claim 14, without prejudice. Support for the claim amendments can be found throughout the specification, and at least in paragraphs [0013], [0019], [0024], [0029], and [0034], as well as in claim 14, as originally filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-13 and 15-18 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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